

British Red Cross Community Education

Safety Statement

The British Red Cross is a responsible employer and service provider and therefore takes its duties under the Health & Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and other UK safety legislation very seriously.

COVID 19: Keeping everyone safe

We will implement the following measures to keep learners and our employees safe:

We will ask anyone who is unwell with symptoms of Covid-19 to not attend the training.

Whenever reasonably practical, social distancing will be maintained.

For sessions of training where it is necessary to come within 2 metres of other learners, related to a situation where a first aider may be expected to wear PPE in a real emergency, appropriate PPE will be provided.

We encourage regular use of hand washing facilities and provide alcohol-based hand sanitisers in each training room for regular use.

Some practical elements of the training are now currently suspended, including CPR practise on manikins for infection control purposes, they will be demonstrated by the trainer only.

All equipment is cleaned regularly.

Dynamic risk assessments will be carried out regularly by our staff and volunteers and any concerns for Health and Safety will be escalated to the organiser. In exceptional circumstances where the concerns cannot be resolved the workshop may be terminated.

British Red Cross Community Education Health and Safety Responsibilities

The British Red Cross Community Education team is responsible for the safety of its staff and volunteers and has a duty of care to those that it provides an education service to whilst training is being undertaken. Accordingly, the organisation has produced policy and supporting risk assessments to ensure the safe delivery of education and training across the wide and varied training environments that it delivers in. The following specific policies and risk assessments have been produced and make up the British Red Cross Community Education safe system of work.

Specific Policies and Risk Assessments

Risk audience risk assessment

Managing Violence and Aggression Procedure

Manual handling risk assessment

Fire risk assessment

Driving risk assessment

Lone working risk assessment

Electrical activity risk assessment

Lone working policy

Driving policy

Safeguarding policy

Risk management policy

Health and safety Statement of policy

Duties of British Red Cross Community Education Staff

All British Red Cross Community Education staff will comply with the requirements of the Policies and Risk Assessments outlined above. Where necessary they will carry out dynamic risk assessments to cover any risks identified when delivering Education and Training at a customer or third-party venue.

Duties of British Red Cross Community Education Customers

Customers are to provide British Red Cross Education Staff with a safe training environment by ensuring that all statutory requirements on safe access and egress, electrical safety, fire safety and firefighting appliances are complied with. Customers are requested to provide the British Red Cross with any specific safety requirements and risk assessment that are in place for the use of the training venue before training takes place so that they can be incorporated into the safe system of work for the training to be delivered.

Specific requirements

We request that a member of your staff is present for the course. If a member of the group gets upset during the training, they will be able to leave the room so that the session can continue. The area should be suitable for carrying out the training. It should have enough space for the educator and attendees to be safe to complete all activities. We ask that the area is risk assessed with no trip hazards, a clean floor etc.

The educator will follow the British Red Cross' safeguarding policy. If there are any safeguarding issues, we will inform the British Red Cross safeguarding officer.

The venue must have the relevant liability insurance.

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